

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Deposition of Claims

Claims 1-27 remain pending. Claims 1, 14 and 27 are independent claims. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 or 14. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 14 to clarify the file identifier language in the claims. Applicant has canceled claim 27. Applicant's amendments are from the pending claim set contained in Applicant's appeal brief.

Claims 1-26 are rejected because the claim recited two different "a file identifier" at lines 3 and 5. The examiner states that it is not clear whether the Applicant refers to which of the file identifier.

The file identifier language in line 3 refers to the File Identifier and Defined Name database. Initially, the invention creates a file identifier to defined name mapping database. A file identifier is created for each defined name of a file system resource (See Figure 4). The database comprises these mappings of defined names and file identifiers. This database is shown in block 703 of Figure 7 and is described in Figures 1 and 2. As described in Figure 2 and paragraph [0034], when an application attempts to access a file, a path name is provided for that file. Each file in the path has a corresponding defined name and file identifier. The file identifier language in lines 5 and 8 are for file identifiers from the database that correspond to each file system resource in the path. Line 5 covers to one system resource. Line 8 covers a different system resource. The

present invention constructs and caches a chain of file identifiers that represent the full path to a file system resource.

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number. No new fees are believed to be due. However, if any such fees are due, please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-04447 (Reference Number AUS920010160US1).

Respectfully Submitted,



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